Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations

Project Title: Child and Adolescent Behavioral Health Initiative Recipient: Bayonne Community Mental Health Center Address: 601 Broadway, Bayonne, NJ 07002 Amount Requested: \$496,050 Project Description: The funding would be used to provide mental health and substance abuse services to 420 children and adolescents per year for the next three years and services to 140 individuals already engaged in treatment. Value to Taxpayer: As a result of treatment, 80 to 90 percent of the additional children served by this program would demonstrate improved functioning at home and school, making them better performing and more productive adults. Project Title: Bringing 21st Century State of the Art Cardiology Care Recipient: Bayonne Hospital Center Address: 29th Street at Avenue E, Bayonne, NJ 07002

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Amount Requested: \$1,417,319

Project Description: The funding would be used to replace its existing non-invasive cardiology equipment with new, state-of-the-art equipment.

Value to Taxpayer: This project would benefit Bayonne area residents who depend on Bayonne Hospital Center for their health care needs. It is expected that health status would improve in the community as measured by lowered morbidity and mortality; hospital efficiency would improve as measured by lower length of stay; and overall patient support would increase as measured by patient satisfaction scores and a more financially viable hospital for the community.

Project Title: Carteret Health and Wellness Center

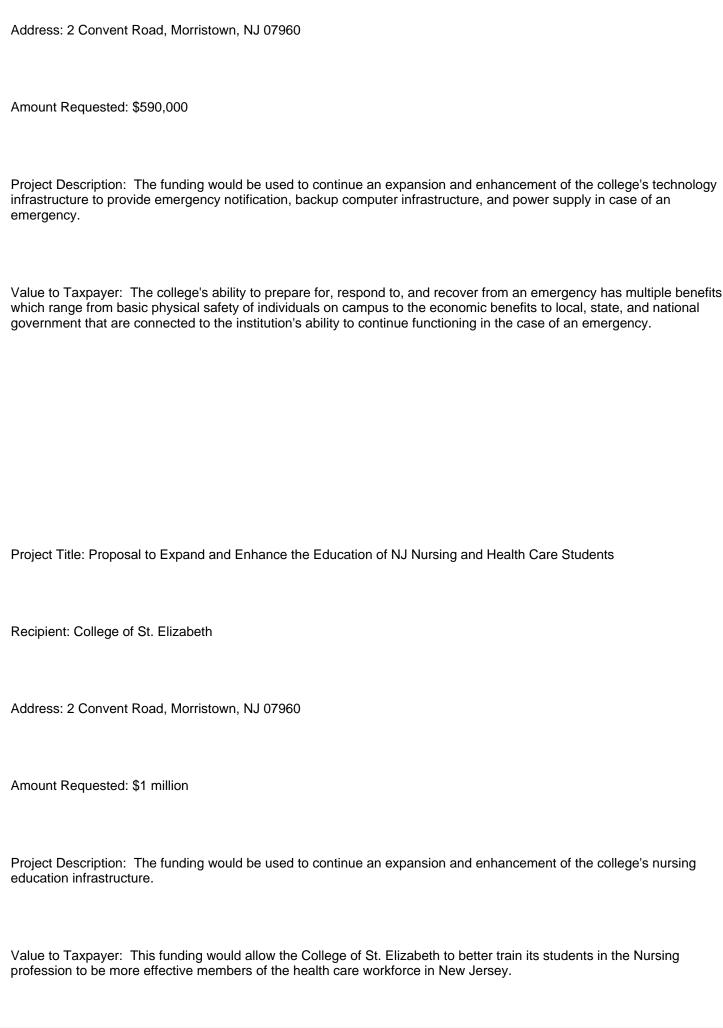
Recipient: Borough of Carteret

Address: 20 Cooke Avenue, Carteret, NJ 07008

Amount Requested: \$2,500,000

Project Description: The funding would be used to construct a health and fitness center as part of the Civic Center Complex. The 36,000 square foot building will house a Physical Therapy center, including exam rooms, wellness room, and training space. Together, the medical services area will encompass approximately 18 percent of the total space. Residents of Carteret will also be able to use the indoor track and cardiovascular areas to improve their health. The cost of the project is almost \$14 million, most of which will come from non-federal sources. The \$2.5 million requested in the FY2010 appropriations bill will fund the direct medical services/physical therapy costs, which equals just under \$2.5 million.

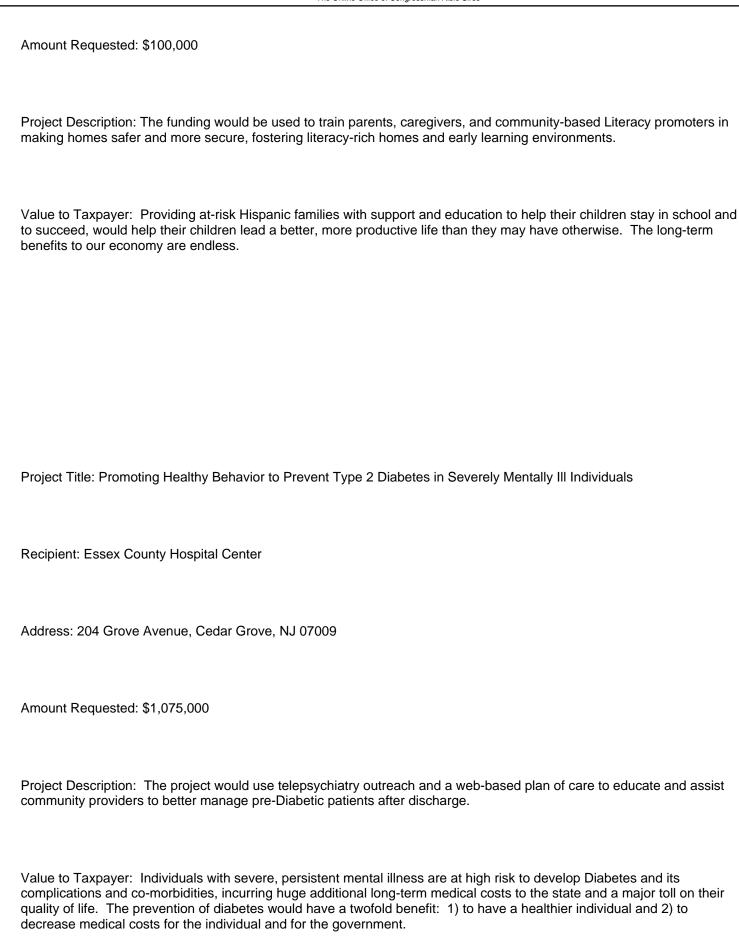
Value to Taxpayer: Further developing the Washington Avenue mixed-use area would provide residents of the Borough a place to congregate and provide Carteret with a new fitness center. Additionally, residents of Carteret needing physical therapy services would now have access to a state-of-the-art physical therapy center. Making health and wellness a significant part of this redevelopment shows a dedication to improving the quality of life for the residents of Carteret.



The Online Office of Congressman Albio Sires

Address: 4428-30 Bergenline Avenue, 2nd Floor, Union City, NJ 07087

Recipient: Cuban American National Council/NJ Regional Office



Project Title: Community Child Abuse Prevention Program
Recipient: Hudson County Child Abuse Prevention Center
Address: 880 Bergen Avenue, Jersey City, NJ 07306
Amount Requested: \$300,000
Project Description: The funding would be used to fund a comprehensive, county-wide program to keep children safe from child abuse and provide multi-disciplinary services to victims of severe abuse.
Value to Taxpayer: Child abuse can affect children well after their wounds heal. They are more likely to be a victim of future abuse and suffer in school. Preventing child abuse or future abuse would have long-term benefits to society, including higher graduation rates, lower healthcare costs and improved well-being.
Project Title: NJ School Program
Recipient: Hudson County Schools of Technology
Address: 8511 Tonnelle Avenue, North Bergen, NJ 07047



Project Description: The funding would be used to create a web-enabled database of integrated curricula, lesson plans, student projects and assessments. Teachers would be trained and students would receive scholarships. Additionally, funds would be used to purchase technology infrastructure.

Value to Taxpayer: Online learning is an emerging trend in elementary and secondary education. Allowing learning to take place 24 hours a day, seven days a week helps students learn at their own pace, and has proven popular where used previously. Making it easier for students to stay in school would benefit taxpayers by increasing earnings potential of their graduates.

Project Title: School Reform Activities at Union Hill High School North and Union Hill High School South

Recipient: Institute for Student Achievement

Address: One Hollow Lane, Suite 100, Lake Success, New York 11042

Amount Requested: \$250,000

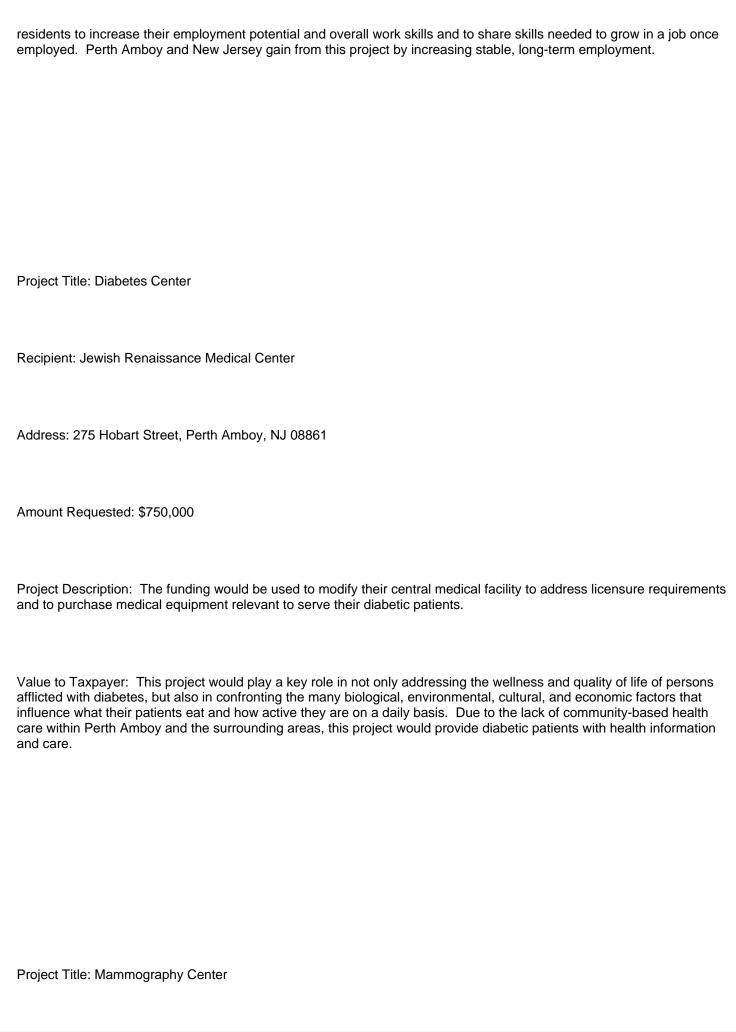
Project Description: The funding would be used to utilize the Institute for Student Achievement Model to create small schools or small learning communities within large high schools.

Value to Taxpayer: The Institute for Student Achievement and the Union Hill High Schools would create personalized and academically rigorous small learning communities within these schools. Doing so, would increase learning and improve student outcomes and would lead to better graduation rates, especially for poor and minority students.

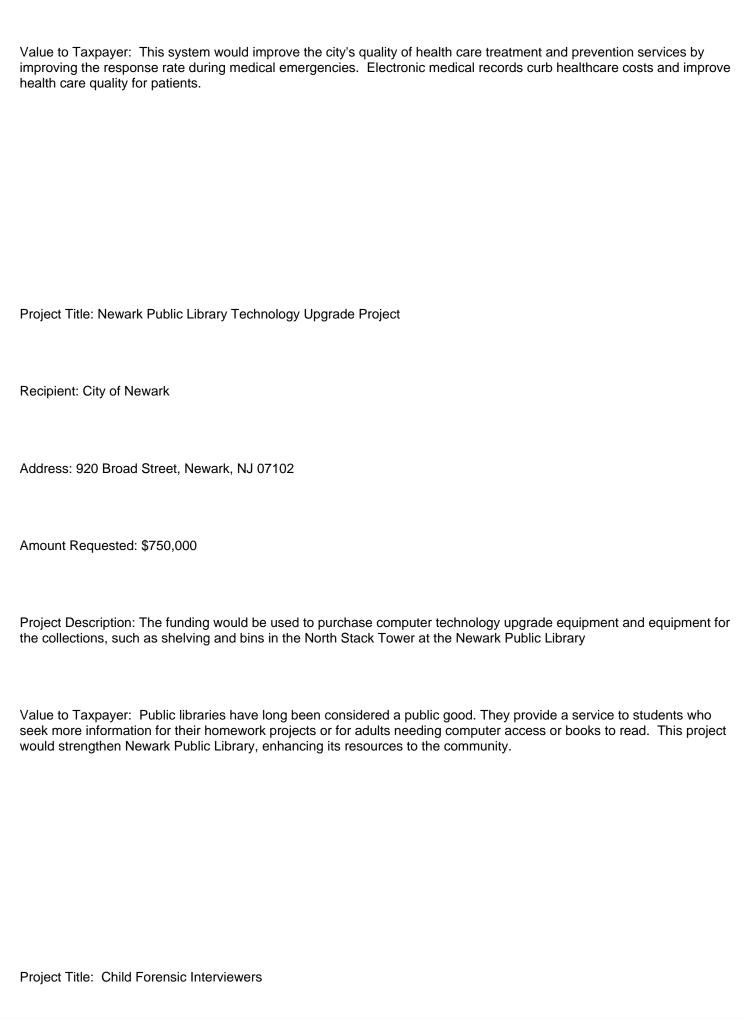
Project Title: Aging in Place Project

Recipient: Jewish Family Service of Central New Jersey

Address: 655 Westfield Avenue, Elizabeth, NJ 07208 Amount Requested: \$300,000 Project Description: The funding would be used to support a range of social, physical, spiritual, recreational, health, wellness, and housing needs for older adults in targeted communities by increasing access to information, resources, supportive services, and civic engagement opportunities. Value to Taxpayer: The United States is experiencing unprecedented growth in its aging population. Every seven seconds over the next 20 years someone in America turns 60 years of age. Communities throughout the country must prepare for this by becoming supportive communities, modernizing systems of care, providing consumers with more control over their lives, and improving their overall quality of life to ensure that they remain at home as long as possible. This project would provide a research basis for how communities can best achieve this goal. Project Title: Academy for Workforce Empowerment Recipient: Jewish Renaissance Foundation Address: 149 Kearny Avenue, Perth Amboy, NJ 08861 Amount Requested: \$260,000 Project Description: The funding would be used to augment the Academy for Workforce Empowerment, a recruitment, screening, and "readiness" center for residents of Perth Amboy. Value to Taxpayer: The goal of this project is to provide opportunities for unemployed or under-employed Perth Amboy



Recipient: Metropolitan Family Health Network
Address: 935 Garfield Avenue, Jersey City, NJ 07304
Amount Requested: \$284,000
Project Description: The funding would be used to provide critically needed mammography services for the low-income, medically-underserved, predominantly minority, female population of Jersey City and Hudson County, who presently lack access to mammography screening. The project would retrofit an existing building so it can accommodate previously donated mammography equipment.
Value to Taxpayer: Regular mammograms can detect breast cancer early, when it is easiest to fight and before treatment becomes costly. This project will ensure that the residents of Jersey City and Hudson County have access to life-saving screenings and diagnostic tools in a medically under-served area.
Project Title: Medical Records Initiative and Equipment project
Recipient: City of Newark
Address: 920 Broad Street, Newark, NJ 07102
Amount Requested: \$750,000
Project Description: The funding would be used to acquire and implement an Electronic Medical Record including a Practice Management Software module to be used by the Department of Child and Family Well-Being.



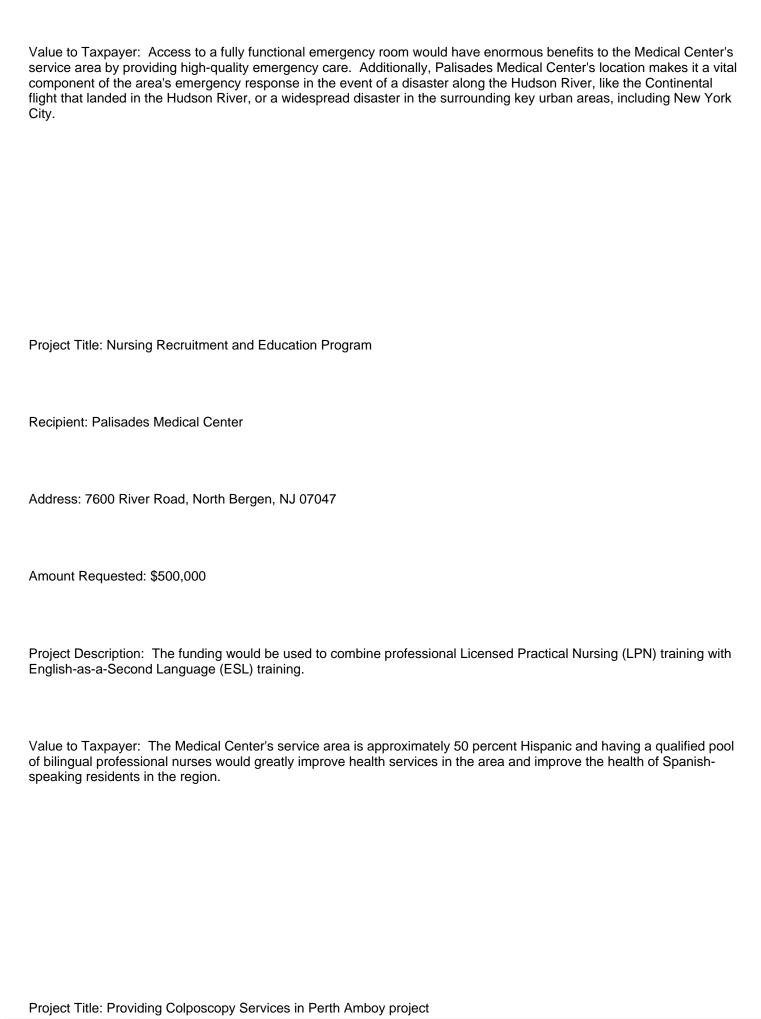
Recipient: New Jersey Department of Children and Families
Address: PO Box 729, Trenton, NJ 08652
Amount Requested: \$750,000
Project Description: The funding would be used to staff each of New Jersey's Child Advocacy Centers with at least one trained child forensic interviewer. These interviewers are skilled in conducting a competent interview of the child victim, which is videotaped and/or observed by other members of the team, minimizing the need to have the child subjected to multiple interviews about the traumatic event
Value to Taxpayer: The project would benefit child victims of abuse statewide by ensuring they are interviewed by a trained interviewer as part of a coordinated investigation of the child's allegations.
Project Title: Changing Minds, Advancing Mental Health for Hispanics
Recipient: New Jersey Mental Health Institute
Address: 3575 Quakerbridge Road, Suite 102, Mercerville, NJ 08619
Amount Requested: \$300,000
Project Description: The funding would be used to provide education and support for Spanish-speaking individuals who are caring for someone with a mental illness. This program would be provided at 15 locations in 15 cities in New Jersey with large populations of Hispanics. Each program would provide education and support to 12 to 20 individuals and aim

to provide them with the knowledge and skills necessary to cope more effectively with their family member's mental

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illness.
Value to Taxpayer: Research has shown that after completing this program, participants demonstrated significantly greater family, community and service system empowerment and that the effect was sustained. Helping support individuals with mental health and their families in a culturally-sensitive manner would open treatment to more people who need care.
Project Title: The Center for Autism
Recipient: The North Ward Center
Address: 346 Mt. Prospect Avenue, Newark, NJ 07104
Amount Requested: \$500,000
Project Description: The funding would be used to create a Center for Autism which would offer comprehensive services in one central location for people with the autism spectrum disorder. New Jersey has the highest rates of Autism in the U.S. The funding would cover the cost of training, research, and initial planning of the Center.
Value to Taxpayer: Early diagnosis of Autism and intervention is critical to gain improvement in communication, social, and cognitive skills. Children who are diagnosed early and who get high quality and comprehensive services are able to lead more fulfilling and productive lives.
Project Title: Electronic Medical Records System

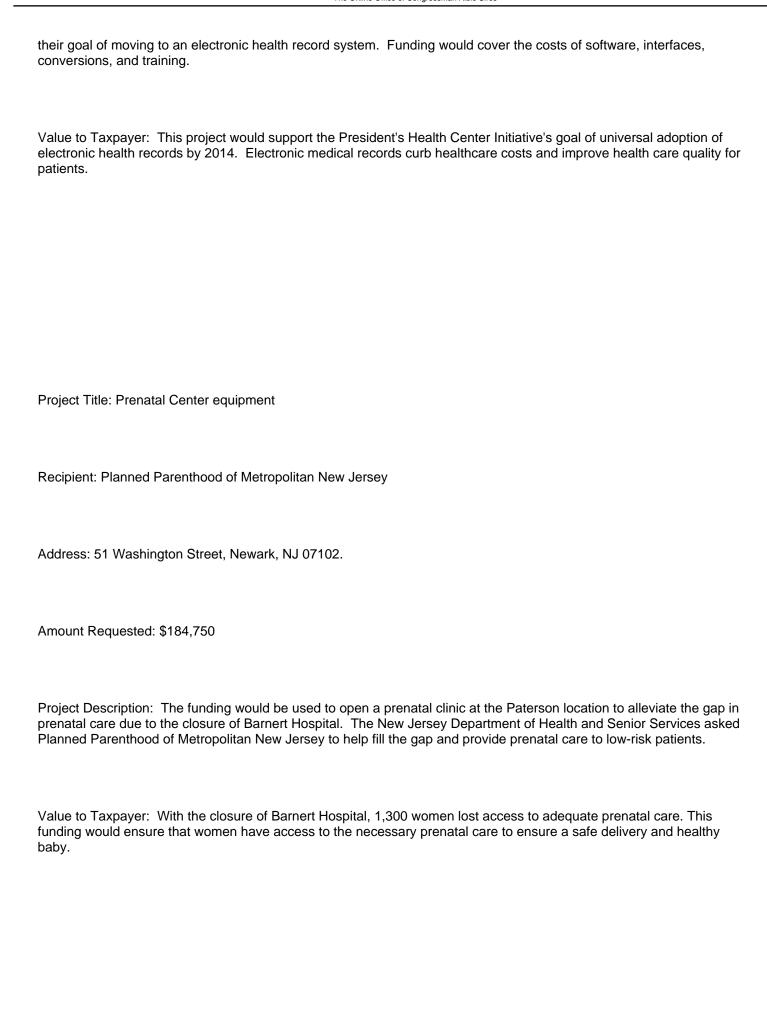
Recipient: Palisades Medical Center
Address: 7600 River Road, North Bergen, NJ 07047
Amount Requested: \$7,500,000
Project Description: The funding would be used to purchase IT hardware and software to implement an electronic health information management system.
Value to Taxpayer: Electronic medical records curb healthcare costs and improve health care quality for patients. Directly, this project would benefit more than 34,000 ER patients, 11,000 inpatient admissions, and 48,000 outpatient admissions projected in 2009. Indirectly, 400,000 people residing in the service area would benefit.
Project Title: Emergency Department Community Capacity and Access Renovation Project Phase II
Recipient: Palisades Medical Center
Address: 7600 River Road, North Bergen, NJ 07047
Amount Requested: \$350,000
Project Description: The funding would be used to reconfigure its Emergency Room to increase capacity, improve patient access, and safety, and enhance staff workflow and communication to comply with regulatory standards of high-quality service.



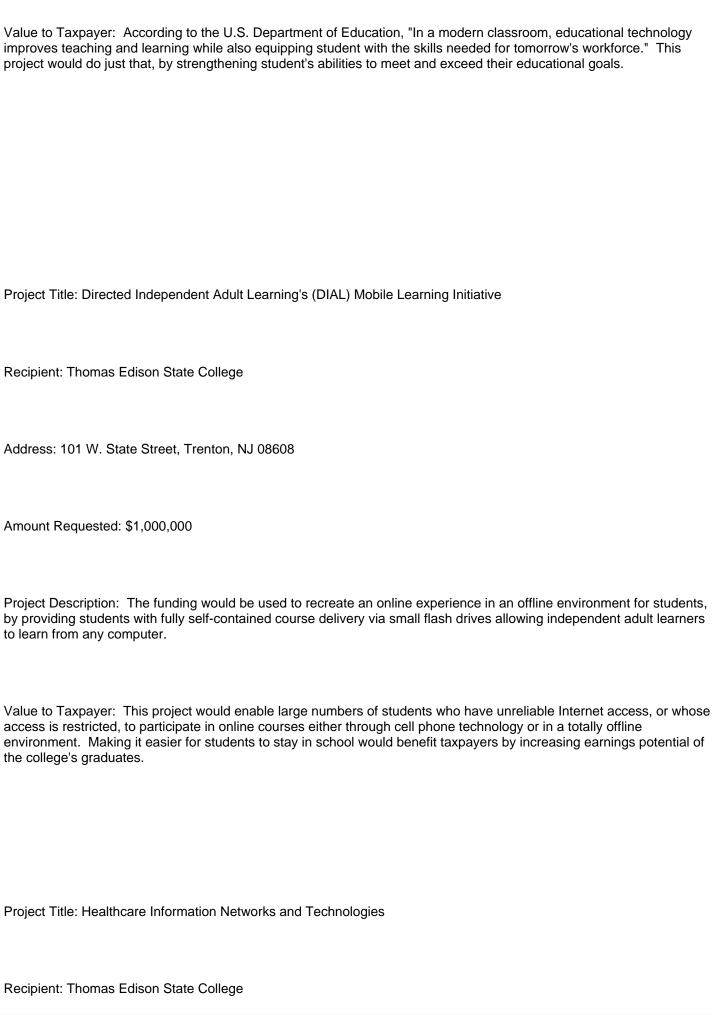
Recipient: Planned Parenthood of Central New Jersey
Address: 69 E. Newman Springs Road, Shrewsbury, NJ 07702
Amount Requested: \$110,500
Project Description: The funding would be used to support construction and equipment needs related to providing colposcopy - a procedure used in the diagnosis of cervical cancer - as well as for patient subsidies for this service, in their new Perth Amboy health center.
Value to Taxpayer: Providing colposcopy in their health center would eliminate the need to refer patients to other facilities, provide continuity of care for patients, and reduce demand at other medical centers facing unprecedented levels of new patients. Additionally, they offer bilingual services for their patients, which would provide comfort to patients who do not primarily speak English.
Project Title: Electronic Health Records Phase I
Recipient: Planned Parenthood of Metropolitan New Jersey
Address: 151 Washington Street, Newark, NJ 07102
Amount Requested: \$153,036

Project Description: The funding would be used to purchase and install a practice management system as Phase I of http://www.sires.house.gov
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Project Title: Health Festivals
Recipient: Save Latin America
Address: 3510 Bergenline Avenue, Union City, NJ 07087
Amount Requested: \$2,000,000
Project Description: The funding would be used to expand free medical screenings to address the existing disparity in health status in the area
Value to Taxpayer: Through these health fairs, county residents, with particular outreach to Hispanic residents, could access an array of health and social services information and obtain free health and mental screenings. Improving health care would mean a healthier population and less expensive medical costs in the future.
Project Title: Smart Classrooms
Recipient: St. Peter's College
Address: 2641 Kennedy Boulevard, Jersey City, NJ 07306
Amount Requested: \$650,000
Project Description: The funding would be used to purchase modern telecommunications and audio/visual equipment; converting over 30 classrooms into smart classrooms.

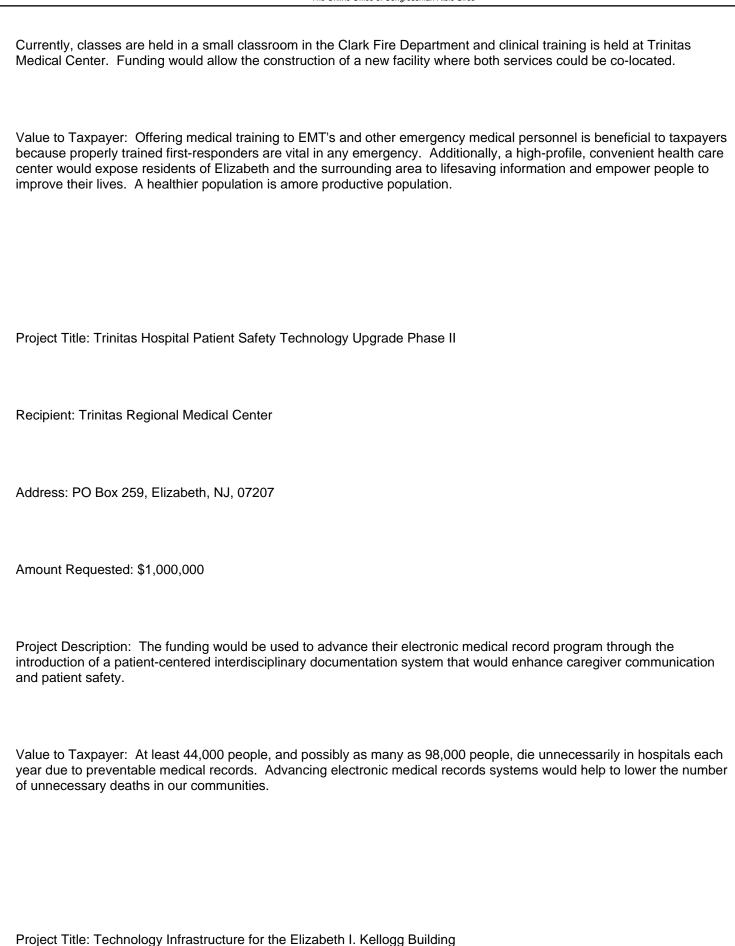


Address: 101 W. State Street, Trenton, NJ 08608 Amount Requested: \$1,000,000 Project Description: The funding would be used to implement findings from a Healthcare Information Network and Technology study. Funding would be used to continue implementation efforts to increase adoption of electronic records interchange and HIPAA standards along with emerging electronic health records. Value to Taxpayer: Electronic health records curb healthcare costs and improve health care quality. The Healthcare Information Network and Technology study indicated savings in New Jersey alone of as much as \$760 million over time. Project Title: Nursing Initiative Recipient: Thomas Edison State College Address: 101 W. State Street, Trenton, NJ 08608 Amount Requested: \$1,000,000 Project Description: The funding would be used to expand their online distance learning programs to their School of Nursing. A number of nursing programs would be offered, ranging in a variety of degrees for students Value to Taxpayer: The Health Resources and Services Administration at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services projects a nurse shortage of one million Registered Nurses by 2020 across the country. By providing online nursing classes, Thomas Edison State College is making a nursing education a reality for individuals across the country that may not have the ability to attend nursing school but for these online courses.

Project Title: School of Applied Science and Technology
Recipient: Thomas Edison State College
Address: 101 W. State Street, Trenton, New Jersey 08608
Amount Requested: \$1,000,000
Project Description: The funding would be used to develop and deliver programs to address emerging needs of the energy utility workforce in green technolog,y including energy efficiency and renewable energy technology.
Value to Taxpayer: This project would train students in a new and growing field - energy efficiency and renewable energy technology. Not only would this help train residents, it would improve energy efficiency in New Jersey, lowering energy bills for everyone.
Project Title: Emergency Center of Regional Education (CORE) project
Recipient: Trinitas Regional Medical Center
Address: PO Box 259, Elizabeth, NJ, 07207
Amount Requested: \$1,000,000
Project Description: The funding would be used to build a Medical Skills Training Program and Wellness Education

Resource Center, offering one-stop shopping for health, wellness and medical information, as well as medical training.

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Recipient: Union County College

Address: 1033 Springfield Avenue, Cranford, NJ 07106 Amount Requested: \$3,210,000 Project Description: The funding would be used to purchase computer monitors and printers, multi-media projection systems, digital telephone devices, internet access, video surveillance and a security system in their Kellogg Building, recently recognized as a Center of Excellence by the National League for Nursing. Value to Taxpayer: According to the U.S. Department of Education, "In a modern classroom, educational technology improves teaching and learning while also equipping student with the skills needed for tomorrow's workforce." This project would do just that by strengthening student's abilities to meet and exceed their educational goals. Project Title: Transportation/Logistics/Distribution (TLD) Academy Recipient: Union County College Address: 1033 Springfield Avenue, Cranford, NJ 07106 Amount Requested: \$920,000 Project Description: The funding would be used for training and related instructional costs, such as computers, software, teaching supplies, and equipment to prepare students for careers in the transportation industry. Value to Taxpayer: The TLD industry is a large employer in Union County and the surrounding region. Being able to provide the industry with skilled workers and high-paying jobs would benefit the county enormously.

Project Title: Camp Choices
Recipient: United Cerebral Palsy of Hudson County
Address: 721 Broadway, Bayonne, NJ 07002
Amount Requested: \$50,000
Project Description: The funding would be used to provide a six week camp run Monday through Friday for children aged 5 to 21 years of age who are diagnosed with Autism.
Value to Taxpayer: The camp provides therapeutic activities and sensory environments that allow children with autism to function at their maximum capability. Additionally, this program gives parents of children with Autism peace of mind knowing their child has a safe place to learn and grow.
Project Title: Alternative Fuel Education program
Recipient: West New York Board of Education
Address: 6028 Broadway, West New York, NJ 07093
Amount Requested: \$300,000

Project Description: The funding would be used to start a comprehensive Alternative Fuel Education Program where auto shop students would convert vehicles from gas to electric, learn to service electric cars, and study alternative fuels in science class.

Value to Taxpayer: The students of West New York Memorial High School would benefit greatly from both the enhanced educational aspects of the program as well as the hands-on instruction. Students would leave the program prepared to accept positions building and repairing green vehicles, or to pursue further education in engineering, biology and alternative fuels. The Board of Education has agreed to allow the students to begin converting Board vehicles to electric or biodiesel fuel during the second year of the program, which would reduce energy costs for the District.